

Appl. No.: 10/627,504
Art Unit: 1712 Docket No.: B03-50
Reply to Office Action of January 18, 2005

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 appear in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration. Claim 1 has been amended to recite a preferred class of light stabilizers. Claim 21 has been amended to recite a preferred light stabilizer. The Specification has been amended to correct the "Cross-Reference to Related Applications." No new matter has been added by these amendments and additions.

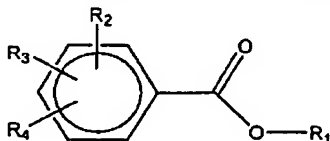
Objection Under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e)

The Specification was objected to under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) for having an incorrect "Cross-Reference to Related Applications." The Specification has been amended to correct the errors pointed out by the Examiner in the Office Action. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) is therefore believed to have been overcome. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal thereof.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b), 102(e), and 103(a)

Claims 1-18 and 22-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Wu '358; Claims 1-17 and 22-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Dusbiber '061; Claims 1-18 and 22-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Dusbiber in view of Ishii '744; Claims 1-17, 19, and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Peter '313; Claims 1-21, 24, and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Peter in view of Andrews, Evans '080, Hotta '331, or Aumueller '888; and Claims 1-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Dewanjee in view of Andrews, Evans '080, Hotta '331, or Aumueller '888.

While Applicants disagree with the Examiner's rationale behind the rejections, in an effort to further prosecution of the above-captioned application, independent claims 1, 25, and 26 have been amended to recite that the light stabilizer is a benzoate having the formula:



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wherein R_1 is hydroxyalkylether, alkylphenyl, alkyl, phenyl, hydroxyphenyl; R_2 is H, OH, alkyl, hydroxy(alkylether)amino; R_3 is H, alkyl, OH; and R_4 is H, alkyl. This class of light stabilizers is not disclosed, or even suggested, in the cited references, either alone or in combination.

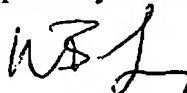
For at least the above reasons, independent claims 1, 25, and 26 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Moreover, the dependent claims are believed to be patentable by virtue of their dependence from the independent claims. As such, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(a), 102(e), and 103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Based on the remarks set forth above, Applicants believe that all of the rejections have been overcome and the claims of the subject application are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any further concerns or believe that a discussion with the Applicants' attorney would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the attorney at the number below.

No fee, other than \$120.00 for a 1-month extension of time, the petition for which is included herewith, is believed to be due for this submission. Should any other required fees be due, however, please charge them to Acushnet Company Deposit Account No. 502309.

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